

You might not strike gold on silver dollars from 1900s

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Today's column answers more questions from Chicago Tribune readers.

Q—I've read that the 1804 silver dollar is worth big money. Are there any rare dates from the 1900s? We have nearly 40 coins made between 1900 and 1926.

R.T., Itasca

A—The value of your hoard would depend on the date, mint mark and condition of each coin. Most of your dollars probably would retail in the \$8 to \$20 range if they are in the "very fine" condition category. Each coin contains .77 of an ounce of silver.

Q—How rare are Lincoln

cents without mint marks below the year?

D.T., Lombard

A—Lincolns made in Philadelphia do not carry mint marks, although since 1980, coins of other denominations bear a "P."

In general, modern-day Lincoln cents without mint marks have no special value as collectibles.

Q—How much would I have to pay for a coin from ancient Rome?

L.G., Elmhurst

A—Many types of Roman bronze coins in the lower condition categories go for \$20 or less, although you'd likely pay more for silver and gold specimens. Relatively few people collect ancients, which helps to keep prices down.